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PRESS RELEASE

4209/87 (Presse 4)

1137th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 19, 20 and 21 January 1987

President: Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER,
State Secretary for European Affairs
and Agriculture of the Kingdom of
Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER

State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Ms Britta SCHALL HOLBERG

Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE

Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN

State Secretary, Federal Ministry
of Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS

Minister for Agriculture

Spain:

Mr Julian AREVALO

President of the Fund for the
Development and Regulation of
Agricultural Production

France:

Mr François GUILLAUME

Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY

Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI

Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH

Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Arlindo CUNHA

State Secretary for Agricultural
Development

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John GUMMER

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

AGRI-MONETARY CONSEQUENCES OF THE REALIGNMENT OF 12 JANUARY 1987

Following lengthy discussions and after great efforts to find a solution to the agri-monetary problems resulting in certain sectors from the recent realignment, the Council agreed to a Commission proposal comprising the following points:

1. Application of already fixed monetary compensatory amounts from 22 January 1987.
2. Gradual elimination - erga omnes - of negative monetary compensatory amounts in the pigmeat sector by means of an adjustment of green rates as follows:
 - 0,5 points with effect from 16 February 1987;
 - 1,0 point with effect from the beginning of the 1987/1988 milk marketing year.

3. Commission statement

The Commission states that:

- it will carefully follow developments on the pigmeat market, which has been particularly depressed in a number of Member States;
- it will take the necessary measures to prevent distortions of competition from occurring in certain Member States as a result of the gradual elimination of monetary compensatory amounts in this sector;

- it is also contemplating taking the necessary measures to alleviate the market situation in the sector in question by means of an appropriate increase in export refunds as soon as possible.

4. When it submits its report on agri-monetary problems the Commission will propose appropriate measures concerning the agri-monetary measures resulting from the realignment of 12 February 1987 for the special case of eggs and poultry, including any reduction in negative monetary compensatory amounts which might be necessary. The Council will take a decision on this matter before the beginning of the 1987/1988 milk marketing year.

BEEF AND VEAL

On the basis of a compromise, the Council agreed on the estimates by a qualified majority.

The figures adopted for 1987 are as follows:

- for young male bovine animals intended for fattening:
168 000 head in accordance with the traditional allocation between Italy, Greece and the other Member States;
- for beef and veal intended for the processing industry:
15 000 tonnes, comprising 10 000 tonnes totally exempt from levies (system (a)) and 5 000 tonnes under system (b) (reduced levy).

These estimates will be formally adopted following finalization of the texts in the official languages of the Communities.

Pending the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council also took a favourable position on the opening for 1987, as an autonomous measure, of a special zero-duty import quota for high-quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff.

EMERGENCY MEASURES AS A RESULT OF THE COLD WEATHER

In view of the particularly harsh weather conditions of the 1986/1987 winter, the Council considered it necessary to provide help for the most destitute sectors of the population affected by the cold spell.

Pending the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council reached a political agreement to provide certain quantities of sugar, flour, common wheat, durum wheat meal, broken durum wheat and liquid milk free-of-charge to those concerned through recognized charities.

These measures supplement those already taken by the Commission within the framework of its own powers. Following formal adoption in the official languages of the Communities, they will apply until 31 March 1987.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the following Regulations:

- on the conclusion of Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and, on the one hand, the sugar-producing ACP States and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1986/1987 delivery period.

These prices will be as follows (from 1 January 1986 to 30 June 1987):

= for raw sugar: 44,92 ECU per 100 kg;

= for white sugar: 55,39 ECU per 100 kg.

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84 laying down general rules on the granting of aid for the production of olive oil and of aid to olive oil producer organizations. The purpose of this amendment is to extend until the end of the 1986/1987 marketing year the validity of the provisional approval granted to mills and to grant provisional approval to mills commencing operations during this marketing year;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 as regards the application of the annual tariff quotas for certain cheeses for Norway. The aim of this amendment is to increase by 120 tonnes the maximum quantity of cheeses imported into the Community from Norway at a reduced rate of levy. This increase is the result of the additional agreements concluded between the European Economic Community and the EFTA countries following the accession of Spain and Portugal.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the following Regulations fixing, for 1987:

- the quota applicable to imports into Portugal of maize starch coming from the Community as constituted at 31 December 1985;
- the quota applicable to imports into Portugal of certain milk products coming from the Community as constituted at 31 December 1985;
- the quota for imports into Portugal of certain products of the egg and poultrymeat sectors originating in the Community as constituted at 31 December 1985;
- the quota for imports into Portugal of meat of domestic rabbits from third countries;
- the quota for imports into Portugal of oil-cake from third countries.

These Regulations are designed to increase the quotas applicable to Portugal for the agricultural products concerned in accordance with the provisions of Article 269 (origin in the countries of the Community of Ten) or of Article 245 (origin in third countries) of the Act of Accession.

In addition, the Council took note of the Commission communication concerning the programme of measures to promote olive oil consumption in 1987 and 1988 (4th programme).

Finally, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision extending (for a further five-year period - from 8 February 1987) the measure provided for in Decision 81/859/EEC on the designation and operation of a liaison laboratory for classical swine fever in Hanover.

Fisheries policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the following Regulations on the conclusion of:

- the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea on fishing off the coast of Guinea, signed at Conakry on 7 February 1983;
- the Agreement amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea on fishing off the coast of Equatorial Guinea, signed at Malabo on 15 June 1984.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision accepting undertakings given in connection with imports of binder and baler twine originating in Brazil and Mexico, and terminating the investigations.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision authorizing the Commission to enter into negotiations with a view to concluding an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain quality wines in containers holding 2 litres or less.

Appointment

The Council appointed, on a proposal by the United Kingdom Government, Mr J.E. TAYLOR a Member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Mr E.J. PLEASANCE, Member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 6 October 1987.

PRESS RELEASE

4208/87 (Presse 3)

1138th meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 16/17 January 1987

President: Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT

Minister for the Budget
of the Kingdom of Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows :

Belgium:

Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT Minister for the Budget

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Yannis PAPANTONIOU State Secretary for Economic
Affairs

Spain:

Mr José BORRELL State Secretary for Finance

France:

Mr Alain JUPPE Minister attached to the Minister
for Economic Affairs, Finance and
Privatization, with responsibility
for the Budget

Ireland:

Mr Jim O'KEEFFE Minister of State at the Departments
of Finance and the Public Service

Italy:

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER Minister for the Budget

Netherlands:

Mr P.R.H.M. van der LINDEN State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Rui ALVAREZ CARP State Secretary for the Budget

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter BROOKE Minister of State to the Treasury

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Commission:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN Vice-President

1987 BUDGETARY PROCEDURE

Following lengthy discussion of the 1987 budget, the Council concluded that it was unable to reach a decision regarding the Commission's rectifying letter. It noted that its Chairman would explain the situation to the European Parliament.

In the meantime, and in order to make it possible to meet immediate requirements as regards administrative appropriations, the Council agreed on a decision authorizing a series of provisional twelfths.

This decision will be brought to the attention of the European Parliament during its forthcoming part session.

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EEC-US trade relations - GATT Art. XXIV.6 negotiations

- Council statement

The Council took note of the announcement made by the US authorities on 30 December 1986 that they intended to increase the customs duties applicable to a range of products from the Community not later than 31 January 1987, failing a settlement of the dispute relating to enlargement of the Community.

The Council confirmed its desire for a mutually acceptable negotiated solution, as stated in June and December 1986, and expressed support for the Commission's intention of continuing the negotiations next week on the dispute between the United States and the Community.

The Council nevertheless decided, in accordance with its earlier conclusions, that if the US measures were actually applied, an additional charge of between 42 ECU and 55 ECU per tonne would be applied to imports of corn gluten feed and rice from the United States. The implementing measures, and in particular the exact amounts, would then be fixed by the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, at its meeting on 26 and 27 January 1987, in the light of the Commission's report on the outcome of the negotiations.

International Cocoa Agreement

The Council has adopted a Decision concerning the provisional application of the 1986 International Cocoa Agreement. This Decision provides that the Community and its Member States shall, as soon as they have completed the requisite procedures, notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization of their intention to apply the 1986 International Cocoa Agreement on a provisional basis, in accordance with Article 70 of the Agreement.

PRESS RELEASE

4366/87 (Presse 8)

1139th meeting of the Council

- General Affairs -

Brussels, 26 and 27 January 1987

President: Mr Leo TINDEMANS
Minister for Foreign Relations
of the Kingdom of Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS	Minister for Foreign Relations
Mr Herman DE CROO	Minister for Transport and Foreign Trade
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for European Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN	State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Jürgen RUHFUS	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr Dieter VON WURZEN	State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS	Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Spain:

Mr Francisco FERNANDEZ ORDOÑEZ	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Pedro SOLBES	State Secretary for Relations with the European Communities

France:

Mr Jean-Bernard RAIMOND	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Michel NOIR	Minister attached to the Minister for Economic Affairs, Finance and Privatization, with responsibility for Foreign Trade
Mr Bernard BOSSON	Minister with responsibility for European Affairs

RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES: NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXIV/6
OF GATT - THE COUNCIL'S CONCLUSIONS

The Council held an in-depth discussion on the Commission report concerning the most recent talks with the United States on 23 and 24 January 1987.

The Council shared the Commission's view that positions had moved somewhat closer together although this did not yet enable a realistic and fair solution to be arrived at which could be considered acceptable.

The Council confirmed its desire to reach such a solution and appealed to the United States to make its contribution in order to avoid the extremely damaging consequences of a trade war. It referred in this connection to its previous conclusions on the matter, in particular those of 16 January 1987.

The Council supported the Commission's intention of making a final effort in the next few days in an attempt to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution on the basis of the guidelines and assurances referred to by the Commission and in the light of the comments made in the course of the discussion.

The Commission will report back to the Permanent Representatives Committee on the results of its negotiations on Thursday 29 January 1987.

MEDITERRANEAN POLICY: RENEWAL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FINANCIAL
PROTOCOLS

The Council carried out a detailed examination of this question and agreed to resume it, with a view to reaching a conclusion, at its next meeting on 16 and 17 February 1987;

5th MEETING OF THE EEC-ISRAEL CO-OPERATION COUNCIL

The Council prepared the Community position for the 5th meeting, at Ministerial level, of the EEC-Israel Co-operation Council on 27 January 1987. (See joint press release CEE-ISR 2901/87 (Presse 11) of 27 January 1987).

SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF EXPORT EARNINGS FOR LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES NOT SIGNATORY TO THE LOME CONVENTION

The Council recorded its agreement as regards the substance of the proposals for Regulations intended to implement, as from the 1987 financial year, the commitment entered into by the Community, in the context of the mid-term review of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the least-developed countries, to set up a system of compensation for loss of export earnings from agricultural commodities for least-developed countries not signatory to the Lomé Convention.

The Regulations will be formally approved as "A" items at the Council meeting on 9 February 1987.

When these Regulations were approved, the Spanish delegation in particular drew the attention of the Council and the Commission to the position of certain Central American countries at a low level of development which, whilst not meeting the criteria on the basis of which the above commitment had been entered into, were also in a particularly difficult situation.

In view of this situation the Council is prepared to pay particular attention to the matter, in particular in the context of implementation of the objectives of the co-operation between the Community and the countries of the Central American Isthmus.

In the light of the above, the Commission for its part confirmed the approach proposed in its communication on the European Community and Latin America that official development aid efforts should be concentrated on the relatively less-developed countries of Latin America, which included the majority of Central American countries. The Commission will make appropriate proposals on this basis.

1987 BUDGET

The Council had an exchange of views on the budget situation and noted with regret that it had not proved possible to arrive at a joint position at this stage. It considered that if this situation were to continue for any length of time it could well be detrimental to the interests of the Community, for example as regards implementation of the agricultural decisions taken last December and the discussions on the future financing of the Community.

The Council asked the Presidency and the Commission to make every effort to arrive at a joint position in good time to enable discussions with the European Parliament to be resumed with a view to reaching agreement in February.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Combating drug abuse

The Council adopted a Decision on Community participation as an observer in the preparatory work of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (Vienna, 17 to 26 June 1987) and at the Conference itself as regards questions falling within the sphere of Community competence.

This Conference, to be held under the auspices of the United Nations, should result in the adoption of a "Comprehensive multi-disciplinary outline of future activities relevant to the problems of drug abuse and illicit trafficking".

Aids to shipbuilding

The Council adopted the 6th Directive on aids to shipbuilding in the official languages of the Communities (see press release 11713 f/86 (Presse 214) of 22 December 1986).

Customs Union

The Council adopted Decisions accepting on behalf of the Community the European Agreements on the exchange of:

- therapeutic substances of human origin;
- blood-grouping reagents.

These agreements, which were drawn up on the initiative of the Council of Europe, provide that the Contracting Parties will take all necessary measures to exempt from all import duties products placed at their disposal by the other Parties.

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Commercial policy

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of standardized multi-phase electric motors having an output of more than 0,75 KW but not more than 75 KW, originating in State-trading countries (Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, German Democratic Republic, Romania, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union).

Commodities

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation on the application of the system of certificates of origin provided for under the International Coffee Agreement 1983 when quotas are suspended.

Agriculture

Following upon the political agreement reached by the Ministers for Agriculture on 19, 20 and 21 January 1987, the Council adopted four Regulations implementing emergency aid measures following the recent cold weather:

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 on the common organization of the markets in the sugar sector;
- on the free supply of intervention stocks of processed cereals to charitable organizations;

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- amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 1842/83 laying down general rules for the supply of milk and certain milk products at reduced prices to school children,

(See press release 4209 e/87 (Presse 4) of 21 January 1987).

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 351/79 concerning the addition of alcohol to products in the wine sector. This amendment extends the current provisions on the addition of alcohol until 31 December 1987.

Finally, the Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, estimates of:

- young male bovine animals weighing 300 kg or less and intended for fattening for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1987
- beef and veal intended for the processing industry for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1987.

(See press release 4209 e/87 (Presse 4) of 21 January 1987).

Appointments

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr C. JOSEPH a member of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency in place of Mr W.H.J. TIELEMAN, member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 28 March 1987.

On a proposal from the Spanish Government, the Council appointed Mr L. VAL HERNANDEZ, Mr J.A. RUIZ LOPEZ-RUA, Mr F. PASTOR RIDRUEJO, Mr A. RENGIFO ABAD and Mr J. PINEDO CABEZUDO, members of the Advisory Committee of the Euratom Supply Agency for the remainder of the Committee's term of office, which runs until 28 March 1987.

On a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council appointed Mr Erik BALLE a member of the European Social Fund Committee in place of Mr N.J. HILSTRØM, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 11 December 1987.

On a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr J.R. VAN BLANKENSTEIN an alternate member of the European Social Fund Committee in place of Mr J.W.S. PABON, alternate member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 11 December 1987.

Finally, on a proposal from the Netherlands Government, the Council appointed Mr J.R. VAN BLANKENSTEIN a member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Mr J.W.S. PABON, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 6 October 1987.

PRESS RELEASE

4503/87 (Presse 16)

1140th Council meeting
- Economic and Financial Affairs -
Brussels, 9 February 1987

President: Mr Mark EYSKENS

Minister for Finance
of the Kingdom of Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Mark EYSKENS Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Jakob Esper LARSEN Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Germany:

Mr Hans TIETMEYER State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Yannis PAPANTONIOU State Secretary for Economic Affairs

Spain:

Mr Guillermo de la DEHESA State Secretary for Economic Affairs

France:

Mr François SCHEER Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Maurice DOYLE Secretary-General
Department of Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA Minister for the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques POOS Minister for Economic Affairs
and the Self-Employed

Netherlands:

Mr O.C.R. RUDING

Minister for Finance

Portugal:

Mr Miguel CADILHE

Minister for Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter BROOKE

Minister of State, Treasury

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Commission:

Willy DE CLERCQ

Member

EXPORT CREDITS - AMENDMENT TO THE ARRANGEMENT ON GUIDELINES

On the basis of a report from the Commission, the Council approved the compromise submitted on 23 January 1987 to the Participants in the Arrangement on Guidelines for Officially Supported Export Credits by Mr WALLEN, their Chairman, concerning an amendment to that Arrangement, with particular reference to tied aid credits.

The features of this compromise on which the Participants have to state their views by 15 March 1987 are set out below:

1. First stage

- (a) The minimum grant element for tied and partially untied aid credits to LLDCs will be increased to 50%.

The minimum grant element for tied and partially untied aid credits to all other developing countries will be increased to 30%.

- (b) The discount rate for calculating the grant element will be related to the CIRR for each currency and will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{CIRR} + 1/2 (10 - \text{CIRR})$$

- (c) These measures will enter into force on 1 July 1987.

2. Second stage

- (a) The minimum grant element for tied and partially untied aid will be increased to 35% for developing countries other than LLDCs.

- (b) The discount rate for calculating the grant element will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{CIRR} + 1/4 (10 - \text{CIRR})$$

- (c) The interest rate subsidies for importing countries in category I of the matrix will be abolished. The matrix interest rates for importing countries in categories II and III will be increased by 30 basic points.

- (d) These measures will enter into force on 1 July 1988.

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

The Council held an exchange of views on the economic situation in the Community and on the international monetary situation.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

System of compensation for loss of export earnings for non-ACP LLDCs

Further to the political agreement reached on 26 and 27 January 1987 ⁽¹⁾, the Council adopted two Regulations, the purpose of which is to implement the undertaking entered into by the Community to set up, under certain conditions, a system of compensation for loss of export earnings from agricultural commodities for non-ACP LLDCs. This undertaking was announced by the Community in Geneva on 2 October 1985 during the mid-term review of implementation of the substantial new programme of action for the least-developed countries drawn up at the Conference organized by the United Nations in Paris in 1981.

With the aim of remedying the effects of the instability of export earnings and of aiding the States concerned in their development efforts, the purpose of the system is to help stabilize the said States' earnings from exports to the Community of agricultural commodities ⁽²⁾ on which their economies depend.

The system covers the period 1986 to 1990, and transfers will have to start as from the financial year 1987 on the basis of the statistics for 1986.

The estimated budgetary cost of implementing the system is 50 million ECU for the five-year period.

The States eligible ⁽³⁾ for the system are countries appearing on the list of LLDCs drawn up by the United Nations which are not signatories to the Lomé Convention. They will benefit from the system provided they attain a certain threshold of dependence on the products concerned.

(1) See Press Release 4366/87 of 26/27.1.1987.

(2) The list of products is annexed hereto.

(3) Bangladesh, Bhutan, Haiti, Laos, Maldives, Nepal, Yemen and North Yemen.

Import arrangements for manioc and sweet potatoes

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- a Regulation concerning the import arrangements applicable to products falling within subheading 07.06 A of the Common Customs Tariff and coming from third countries, and amending Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff;
- a Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations or consultations with the Contracting Parties to the GATT with a view to modifying the bound tariff concession (6%) for sweet potatoes and other products which fall within subheading 07.06 B of the Common Customs Tariff and are for use other than human consumption.

The Regulation stipulates that for products falling within subheading 07.06 A of the Common Customs Tariff - manioc, arrowroot, salep and other similar roots and tubers with a high starch content, with the exception of sweet potatoes - the levy of not more than 6% ad valorem applicable to imports shall be collected solely on the following annual quantities fixed by the third country of origin:

- (a) Thailand: the quantities resulting from the renewal of the agreement for 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990;
- (b) Indonesia: 825 000 tonnes a year for 1987, 1988 and 1989;
- (c) other countries which are at present Contracting Parties to the GATT, with the exception of Thailand and Indonesia: 145 590 tonnes a year for 1987, 1988 and 1989;
- (d) China: 350 000 tonnes a year for 1987, 1988 and 1989;
- (e) third countries other than those referred to in (a), (b), (c) and (d): 30 000 tonnes for 1987; for 1988 and 1989 the quantities will be fixed by the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission.

Research

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the following Decisions:

- concerning the final conclusion on behalf of the EEC of the Framework Agreements for Scientific and Technical Co-operation between the European Communities and the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Austria;
- concerning the approval, for the purposes of the final conclusion by the Commission on behalf of the EAEC, of the Framework Agreements for Scientific and Technical Co-operation between the European Communities and the Kingdom of Sweden, the Swiss Confederation, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Austria.

GATT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol of Accession of Mexico to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision accepting an undertaking given in connection with the anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of paint, distemper, varnish and similar brushes originating in the People's Republic of China, and terminating the investigation.

Financial year 87 - additional provisional twelfths

To meet immediate and unavoidable financial requirements, the Council recorded its agreement to a draft Decision authorizing additional provisional twelfths for the sections of the Commission's budget concerning certain financial obligations in connection with fisheries with regard to Greenland and Sweden and administrative requirements of the Office for Official Publications.

Appointment

Acting on a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mr J.M. CHAROUD member of the Euratom Supply Agency Committee to replace Mr P. FRIGOLA, who has resigned, for the remaining term of office, which runs until 28 March 1987.

List of products covered by the Compex system

Groundnuts, shelled or not	Vanilla
Groundnut oil	Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems)
Cocoa beans	Sheep's or lambs' wool, not carded or combed
Cocoa paste	Fine animal hair of Angora goats - mohair
Cocoa butter	Gum arabic
Raw or roasted coffee	Pyrethrum (flowers, leaves, stems, peel and roots), saps and extracts from pyrethrum
Extracts, essences or concentrates of coffee	Essential oils, not terpeneless, of cloves, of niaouli and of Ylang-ylang
Cotton, not carded or combed	Sesame seed
Cotton linters	Cashew nuts and kernels
Coconuts	Pepper
Copra	Shrimps and prawns
Coconut oil	Squid
Palm oil	Cotton seeds
Palm nut and kernel oil	Oil-cake
Palm nuts and kernels	Rubber
Raw hides and skins	Peas
Bovine cattle leather	Beans
Sheep and lamb skin leather	Lentils
Goat and kid skin leather	Nutmeg
Wood in the rough	Shea nuts
Wood roughly squared or half-squared, but not further manufactured	Shea nut oil
Wood sawn lengthwise, but not further prepared	Mangoes
Fresh bananas	Dried bananas
Tea	Mace
Raw sisal	Jute



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

4608/87 (Presse 17)

1141st Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 9 and 10 February 1987

President: Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER,

State Secretary for
European Affairs and Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

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Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN State Secretary, Federal Ministry
of Food, Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS Minister for Agriculture

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

France:

Mr François GUILLAUME Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI Minister for Agriculture

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Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH

Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr René STEICHEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
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Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Alvaro BARRETO

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

Mr Arlindo CUNHA

State Secretary for Agricultural
Development

United Kingdom:

Mr John GUMMER

Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food

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Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN Vice-President

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SOCIO-STRUCTURAL MEASURES

Following the lines of approach worked out at its meeting in December 1986 for implementing a socio-structural policy better adapted to the present agricultural situation, the Council resumed its examination of this dossier.

At this meeting, it concentrated more particularly on the following points:

- the compulsory introduction, accompanied by certain derogations, of a system to encourage the cessation of agricultural activity, linked to non-cultivation and, in certain cases, to restructuring or the installation of a young farmer on a farm;
- aid for extensification of surplus production;
- aid in environmentally sensitive areas;
- certain changes to the system of compensatory allowances in mountain and hill areas and less-favoured areas.

At the end of its discussions, the Council agreed to continue its work on this subject with a view to taking a decision at its next meeting on 23 February.

COMMON MEASURE FOR IRELAND

The Council agreed by a qualified majority on a proposal on a common measure aimed at modernizing processing and marketing undertakings in the pigmeat sector in Ireland.

This measure, made necessary by the structural difficulties in this sector in Ireland, is limited to 3 years and applicable from 1 January 1987.

The Regulation will be adopted formally after finalization of the texts in the official languages of the Communities.

MILK SECTOR

Following the policy decisions taken at its December 1986 meeting on changes to the organization of the market in the milk sector, the Council examined the proposals for the implementing Regulations necessary for putting this agreement into effect.

At this stage, it appeared that a number of problems required more detailed consideration.

The Council therefore instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to resume its work on this dossier so that the Council could come to a conclusion at its next meeting devoted to agricultural matters.

BEEF AND VEAL

Following the decisions taken at its December meeting (see Press Release 11128/86 (Presse 197) of 8 and 9 December 1986) to ensure better control of the market in beef and veal, the Council examined the proposals for Regulations necessary to give effect to these decisions.

At the end of its discussions, the Council adopted the two Regulations proposed, one:

- amending the basic Regulation (805/68) on the common organization of the market in beef and veal and the system of premiums granted in the beef and veal sector;

and the other

- laying down general rules applying to the special premium for beef producers.

These decisions aim at restricting recourse to intervention, inter alia by making its activation dependent on the level of market prices, and at offsetting the effect of this adjustment by maintaining the existing premium schemes (variable premium, calving premium) and by establishing a special premium system (25 ECU per animal, 18 ECU per animal in Ireland) for Member States which do not grant those two premiums. The suckler cow premium remains and has been increased to 25 ECU per animal.

These decisions will apply only until 31 December 1988.

The proposal to apply the common intervention buying-in prices to Spain will be adopted as soon as the Council has received the European Parliament's Opinion.

WINE

Pending receipt of the European Parliament's Opinion, the Council agreed in principle by a qualified majority on the Regulation allowing the Commission if need be to take, on a transitional basis, certain practical measures required to ensure the execution of compulsory distillation.

This clause will apply to the 1986/1987 marketing year and may be extended if need be, on a proposal from the Commission, until the 1989/1990 marketing year.

The Regulation will be adopted formally as soon as the European Parliament's Opinion has been received.

GENERAL RULES FOR THE FINANCING OF INTERVENTION BY THE EAGGF
(GUARANTEE SECTION) - DISPOSAL OF BUTTER STOCKS

Following the decisions taken at its December meeting on the milk sector, the Council, pending receipt of the Opinions of the European Parliament and the Court of Auditors, adopted a favourable position - by a qualified majority - on a Regulation to finance the exceptional programme for the disposal of butter stocks.

The programme will be financed by the Member States bearing any losses in value recorded on disposal of stocks in 1987 and 1988. The EAGGF will reimburse this expenditure to the Member States in four annual instalments from 1989. It will cover interest on the sums thus immobilized from 1987 until they are reimbursed.

The Council will decide on the Regulation as soon as the Opinions of the European Parliament and the Court of Auditors have been received.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1678/85 fixing the conversion rates to be applied in agriculture. This amendment translates into legal form the position worked out at the last Agriculture Council meeting following the monetary realignment of 12 January 1987. (See Press Release 4209/87 (Presse 4) of 19, 20 and 21 January 1987).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on the conclusion of a second exchange of letters complementing the Agreement between the European Economic Community and New Zealand on trade in mutton, lamb and goatmeat and comprising an understanding relevant to the first paragraph of clause 2 of the Agreement. This second exchange of letters fixes the quantities that New Zealand undertakes not to exceed for 1987 and 1988 for exports to France.

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the following Regulations:

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products (1987);
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products, salted, falling within subheadings ex 03.02 A I b) and ex 03.02 A II a) of the Common Customs Tariff (1987).

Food aid

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation on the apportionment of the quantities of cereals provided for under the Food Aid Convention for the period 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1989.

The 1 670 000 tonnes of cereals constituting the minimum quantity to be contributed annually by the Community and its Member States under the Food Aid Convention will be apportioned as follows for the above period:

- (a) Community operations: 927 700 tonnes;
- (b) national operations : 742 300 tonnes.

The quantity earmarked (in tonnes) for national operations will be apportioned as follows among the Member States: Belgium: 41 500; Denmark: 15 600; Germany 193 500; Greece: 10 000; Spain: 20 000; France: 200 000; Ireland: 4 000; Italy: 95 400; Luxembourg: 1 400; Netherlands: 50 200; United Kingdom: 110 700.

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision on the opening of negotiations with Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland with a view to concluding an agreement on the application of the rules on Community transit.

European Social Fund

The Council took note of the fourteenth annual report of the European Social Fund (1985).

Medicinal products

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Recommendation concerning tests relating to the placing on the market of proprietary medicinal products.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty concerning Yuasa BATTERY (UK) Ltd. (United Kingdom).

Appointments

On a proposal by the Irish Government, the Council appointed Mr Fergus McCAFFERTY as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers in place of Miss R. McARDLE, resigning alternate member, for the remainder of her term of office, i.e. until 6 October 1987.

The Council also appointed, on a proposal by the United Kingdom Government, Miss A. MADDOCKS as a Member of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work in place of Mr W. GREENDALE, resigning member, for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 16 December 1988.

Finally, on a proposal by the United Kingdom Government, the Council appointed Mr R. COYLE and Mr A. TUFFIN as alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work in place of Mr J. HAMILTON and Mr R. BUCKTON, resigning alternate members, for the remainder of their term of office, i.e. until 16 December 1988.

PRESS RELEASE

4674/87 (Presse 22)

1142nd meeting of the Council

- Budget -

Brussels, 12 and 13 February 1987

President: Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT
Minister for the Budget
of the Kingdom of Belgium

Netherlands:

Mr R. van der LINDEN

State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Rui ALVAREZ CARP

State Secretary for the Budget

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter BROOKE

Minister of State, Treasury

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Commission:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Vice-President

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COUNCIL DECISION TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF THE
COMMISSION'S LETTER OF AMENDMENT OF 9 JANUARY 1987

I. Preliminary statement

The Council and the Commission consider that adoption of the 1987 budget will facilitate discussions on the future financing of the Community.

The Council is of the opinion that a pragmatic solution to the problems of the 1987 budget must be found as a matter of great urgency.

This attitude has allowed agreement to be reached in the Council, thus enabling continuation of the budget procedure in conjunction with the European Parliament, with a view to avoiding in particular the drawbacks inherent in the provisional twelfths system and with a view to having a properly adopted budget by the end of February.

II. On the basis of the letter of amendment which it received from the Commission on 9 January 1987, the Council has taken the following decisions in connection with the budget procedure for the financial year 1987:

1. (a) The Council intends to act as soon as possible on the Commission proposals to implement, at legislative and budgetary level, the decisions taken by the Council (Agriculture) from 8 to 16 December 1986 (see details in Annex I to the letter of amendment).

(b) It also notes that the Commission will be making proposals concerning agricultural expenditure for 1987 in order to enable the estimated shortfall in this sector to be covered; these proposals will be based on the ideas the Commission intends to develop in its memorandum on new own resources.

The Council, for its part, intends to act on these proposals as quickly as possible.

2. The Council, acting on the basis of a letter of amendment, is amending as follows the draft budget (second reading) decided on 26 and 27 November 1986:

(a) as regards compulsory expenditure

the provisions in Article 293 of the draft budget are replaced by the following:

Article 293: "Measures to be taken following a review, with a view to reducing production surpluses and accumulated stocks, and related measures for compensation"

to be given a "token entry" accompanied by the following remarks:

Remarks

"This new Article is to accommodate, in the course of 1987, any additional appropriations which might be needed for accelerated stock disposal measures and for compensation to producers under plans to improve the situation of some agricultural markets."

(b) as regards non-compulsory expenditure:

- addition of the amounts resulting from the amendments voted by the Parliament on 11 December 1986;

- entry in Chapter 100 of a negative reserve in commitment appropriations and payment appropriations of:
 - 181 121 303 ECU in c/a and
 - 88 897 871 ECU in p/a;

This produces a maximum rate, taken to one decimal place, of 8,1%.

The Council expects the Commission to take steps in its preliminary draft budgets to ensure a proper relationship between c/a and p/a. It takes note of the Commission's statements on this question.

The Council decision on "negative reserves" for commitment appropriations and payment appropriations presupposes that the Parliament will agree to authorize in good time and before the end of the financial year, on a Commission proposal, the transfer of all negative commitment and payment appropriations to other budget headings containing non-compulsory commitment and payment appropriations. In this way, the negative appropriations in question will be eliminated and the appropriations for the other budget headings in question will be reduced.

The Council notes that the Commission will regularly produce reports on the execution of the budget to enable the budgetary authority to exercise adequate control over the liquidation of the negative reserves.

The Commission will make its proposals for transfers in October at the latest. They will afford the budgetary authority a choice as to the transfers to be made.

The Council naturally assumes that the European Parliament shares its concern that the reductions in appropriations which will have to be made should not affect appropriations which are genuinely needed for Community policies.

The Council is only agreeing to the use of "negative reserves" as an exception in view of the urgent need to have the 1987 budget adopted on the basis of the initiative taken by the Commission in its letter of amendment. The Council is formally opposed to further use of this mechanism in future budgets.

(c) in_total:

appropriations for the 1987 financial year amount to:

	c/a	p/a
	37 414 887 257 ECU	36 313 424 475 ECU
comprising:		
- compulsory expenditure	27 140 218 163 ECU	27 085 908 163 ECU
- non-compulsory expenditure	10 274 669 094 ECU	9 227 516 312 ECU

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3. The Council has decided that the Technical Working Party (Trialogue) should be instructed to resume work quickly in order to produce proposals for classification to be submitted to a trialogue meeting in March 1987. The classification discussions should be completed if possible before the submission of the 1988 preliminary draft budget, and in any event before the Council's first reading of the budget.

III. Carry-over of appropriations from 1986 to 1987

1. The Council stated that it was prepared to agree, in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Financial Regulation, to requests for the carry-over of non-dissociated appropriations (NCE) ("non-automatic" carry-overs) from 1986 to 1987 to be submitted by the Commission to an amount of 22 MECU.

The Commission is requested to submit the requests in question to the Council by 17 February at the latest.

2. These requests will concern the following budget headings, in particular, on the understanding that this list is merely indicative at this juncture:

COMMISSION:

PART A - Title 2:	1 600 000
Title 3:	2 100 000
 PART B - Title 4:	 450 000
Title 5:	486 000
Title 6:	2 100 000
Title 7:	1 738 003
Title 9:	13 500 000
 TOTAL:	 21 974 003
	(rounded up to: 22 MECU)

3. The carry-over of these appropriations would enable the Commission to obtain this year an additional proportion of available funds under budget headings which are of particular interest in 1987, if necessary after the transfer of certain appropriations entered in the 1987 budget.

PRESS RELEASE

4676/87 (Presse 24)

1143rd Council meeting

- General Affairs -

Brussels, 16 February 1987

Chairman: Mr Leo TINDEMANS
Minister for Foreign Relations
of the Kingdom of Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS	Minister for Foreign Relations
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER	State Secretary for European Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN	State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
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Germany:

Mr Lutz STAVENHAGEN	Minister of State, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs
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Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS	Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES	State Secretary for Relations with the European Communities
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France:

Mr Jean-Bernard RAIMOND	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Bernard BOSSON	Minister with responsibility for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr John H.F. CAMPBELL

Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. VAN DEN BROEK

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr P.R.H.M. VAN DER LINDEN

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Portugal:

Mr Victor MARTINS

State Secretary for European Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mrs Lynda CHALKER

Minister of State, Foreign and
Commonwealth Office

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Commission:

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Member

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ

Member

Mr Stanley CLINTON-DAVIS

Member

MEDITERRANEAN FINANCIAL PROTOCOLS

The Council held a further exchange of views on the renewal of the Mediterranean Financial Protocols. It agreed to finalize its discussion at its meeting on 16 and 17 March.

EEC-HUNGARY RELATIONS

On the basis of a Commission statement, the Council reviewed the progress made on preparation of the brief for negotiations with Hungary for a trade and commercial and economic co-operation agreement. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining this question and agreed to return to it at its March meeting.

LIMITS FOR THE RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION OF DRINKING WATER AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN THE EVENT OF A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

The Council held a detailed exchange of views on the problems arising in connection with imports of agricultural products originating in third countries, following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power station, and the introduction of a permanent system for fixing limits for the radioactive contamination of drinking water and agricultural products in the event of a nuclear accident.

The Council concluded by instructing the Permanent Representatives Committee to seek, in the light of the various aspects developed during the discussion, a solution to the problems arising in this area, at all event by 1 March.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive fixing guidelines for the assessment of additives in animal nutrition.

Fisheries policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation fixing catch possibilities for 1987 for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Regulatory Area as defined in the NAFO Convention.

Catches for 1987 are as follows:

Cod	NAFO zone 2J + 3KL	: EEC quota 68 560 t
Cod	NAFO zone 3 NO	: EEC quota 26 400 t
Cod	NAFO zone 3 M	: EEC quota 7 500 t
Squid	NAFO Sub-areas 3 + 4	: EEC quota 25 000 t

Relations with the OCT

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation derogating from the definition of "originating products" to take account of the special situation of Saint Pierre and Miquelon with regard to certain fishery products.

Customs Union

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation opening, allocating and administering a Community tariff quota for ferro-chromium containing not less than 6% by weight of carbon and falling within subheading ex 73.02 E I of the Common Customs Tariff.

The amount of the quota for this product is 120 000 tonnes, divided into two instalments:

- a first instalment of 108 130 tonnes is allocated among the Member States as follows:

Benelux	5 560 t
Germany	35 000 t
Spain	12 450 t
France	24 000 t
Italy	18 670 t
United Kingdom	12 450 t

- the second instalment of 11 870 tonnes constitutes the reserve.

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

4778/87 (Presse 28)

1144th Council meeting

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 23 and 24 February 1987

President: Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER,
State Secretary for European Affairs
and Agriculture of the
Kingdom of Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Ms Britta SCHALL HOLBERG Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Mr Walther FLORIAN State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Yiannis POTTAKIS Minister for Agriculture

Spain:

Mr Carlos ROMERO HERRERA Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

France:

Mr François GUILLAUME Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH

Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS

Minister for Agriculture

Portugal:

Mr Arlindo CUNHA

State Secretary for Agricultural
Development

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING

Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

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Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

Further to the political agreement reached at its meeting in December 1986 on the adjustments to be made to the organization of the market in milk and milk products, the Council discussed the proposals for Regulations necessary to implement that agreement.

During its meeting the Council was able to make significant progress on a considerable number of questions.

Nonetheless, in concluding its discussions, it noted that a number of questions, particularly the question of the criteria to be adopted for operation of the future intervention arrangements in this sector required further more detailed study. It consequently agreed to return to these problems at its next meeting.

SOCIO-STRUCTURAL MEASURES

Following its discussions on 8 to 16 December 1986 on the socio-structural measures to help adjust agriculture to the new market situation and maintain rural areas, the Council resumed examination of the dossier in an effort to finalize this package of measures.

In conclusion to its discussions, the Council agreed to take a decision on the dossier at its next meeting on 2 and 3 March 1987.

GRANT OF NATIONAL AID TO SMALL-SCALE MILK PRODUCERS

The Council took note of a request from the French delegation that it be authorized to grant national aid to small-scale milk producers in France.

It instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine this request so that it could take a decision at its next meeting on 2 and 3 March 1987.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on common measures (for Ireland) to improve the conditions under which agricultural and fishery products are processed and marketed.

(see press release 4608/87 (Presse 17) of 9 and 10 February 1987)

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision amending Decision 81/956/EEC on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in third countries. This amendment is intended to extend until 30 June 1989 the period of validity of the Decision in question as regards the equivalence of seed potatoes for Austria and Switzerland.

The Council then took note of the eleventh communication from the Commission to the Council concerning the programme for the utilization of co-responsibility levy funds in the milk sector for the 1987/1988 milk year.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 986/68 laying down general rules for granting aid for skimmed milk and skimmed milk powder for use as feed. This amendment allows the margin within which such aid is fixed to be adjusted for the milk year 1986/1987.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation laying down special measures for imports of olive oil originating in Tunisia. This Regulation authorizes the importation subject to special conditions, of 10 000 tonnes of olive oil from Tunisia.

The Council then adopted in the official languages of the Communities, Regulations as follows:

- amending Regulation No 338/79 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specified regions. This amendment extends until 31 August 1991 the transitional period during which the names of certain specified regions reserved for the description of quality wines psr may be used for the description of table wines;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 355/79 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of wines and grape musts. This amendment extends until 31 August 1991 the transitional period during which the names of certain specified regions may be used for the description of table wines;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 3309/85 laying down general rules for the description and presentation of sparkling wines and aerated sparkling wines. This Regulation is designed to supplement the provisions on certain particular aspects of presentation and labelling as regards aromatic sparkling wines and quality sparkling wines.

Finally the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/79 on the common organization of the market in wine. This amendment allows the Commission if need be to take as necessary and on a transitional basis, certain practical measures required to ensure the execution of compulsory distillation.

(see press release 4608/87 (Presse 17) of 9 and 10 February 1987).

Fisheries policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing the fishing rights and the financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal on fishing off the coast of Senegal for the period from 1 October 1986 to 28 February 1988.

(see press release 11713/86 (Presse 214) - page VIII, of 22 December 1986).

Anti-dumping duties

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of plain paper photocopiers originating in Japan. The Regulation will enter into force on the day following that of its publication; it will be published in the Official Journal on 24 February 1987.

This Regulation constitutes a follow-up to the provisional arrangements in force since September 1986 and imposes a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of plain paper photocopiers incorporating an optical system falling within subheading 90.10 A of the Common Customs Tariff (corresponding to NIMEXE code ex 90.10-22), originating in Japan.

The rate of duty is 20% of the net free-at-Community frontier price before duty.

The Regulation provides for exceptions for products manufactured and exported by certain companies: Copyer Company Limited, Tokyo: 7,2% duty; Mita Industrial Company, Osaka: 12,6% duty; Toshiba Corporation, Tokyo: 10% duty - duty does not apply to products exported by Kyocera Corporation, Tokyo.

The duty provided for by the Regulation does not apply either to products with particular characteristics (rapid printers operating at a speed of more than 75 copies per minute, printers using microfilms, full colour copiers, machines which have the capacity of making copies from information displayed on screens, large format copiers).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1698/85 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of electronic typewriters originating in Japan.

This Regulation adds to the exceptions to which the anti-dumping duty does not apply a number of products which, it has been established, are not comparable with the electronic typewriters produced in the Community.

Appointments

The Council appointed the following members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training for the period until 15 December 1989:

A. Experts from the practising veterinary profession

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternate Members</u>
Greece	Mr Georgios EXARCHOPOULOS	Mr Ioannis MADEMOCHORITIS
Portugal	Mr Carlos Eduardo DA SILVA MORBEY	Mr Edmundo Gouveia ANDRADE PIRES

B. Experts from the veterinary science teaching institutions

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Portugal	Prof. Dr Apolinário José BARBOSA DA CRUZ VAZ PORTUGAL	Prof. Dr Manuel CARVALHO VARELA

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternate Members</u>
Greece	Mr Dimitrios DIMITRIOU	Mrs Eleni PROTOPAPA
Portugal	Mr Manuel DOMINGOS LAGE	Mr António LOPES MADUREIRA

The Council also appointed the following members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Midwives for the period until 6 October 1989:

A. Experts from the practising profession

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Spain	Doña Maria Teresa DEL HIERRO	Doña Adoración BELTRAN

B. Experts from the institutions responsible for the training of midwives

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Alternate Members</u>
Greece	Mrs Rebecca TRAGHEA	Mrs Ekateríni TATAKI
Spain	Don Fernando DE LA TORRIENTE	Doña Gloria SEGURANYES

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Spain	Doña Rosario MUÑOZ GONZALEZ	Doña Isabel SANCHEZ TERRUCA

In addition the Council appointed the following members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing for the period until 11 May 1989:

A. Experts from the practising profession

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Spain	Don Maximo GONZALEZ JURADO	Doña Miriam OVALLE BERNAL

B. Experts from the establishments providing training in nursing

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Spain	Doña Rosa BLASCO	Doña Concepción GERMAN

C. Experts from the competent authorities of the Member States

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate Member</u>
Spain	Doña Milagros HERRERO LOPEZ	Doña Amparo NAHARRO CALDERON

Acting on a proposal from the Danish Government, the Council also appointed:

- Dr Jens Kristian GØTRIK a full member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training as a replacement for Professor Erik HOLST for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 11 May 1989;
- Dr Ole Andree LARSEN as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Training as a replacement for Dr J.K. GØTRIK for the remainder of his term of office, i.e. until 11 May 1989.

Finally, acting on a proposal from the Greek Government, the Council appointed:

- Mr Ioulios IOSIFIDIS as a member of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing to replace Mrs Maria MALGARINOU for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 11 May 1989;
 - Mrs Maria MALGARINOU as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing to replace Mrs O. PATSI for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 11 May 1989.
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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

4779/87 (Presse 29)

1145th meeting of the Council

- Research -

Brussels, 23 and 24 February 1987

President:

Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT

Minister for Science Policy
of the Kingdom of Belgium

Luxembourg:

Mr Fernand BODEN

Minister for Education

Netherlands:

Mr W.J. DEETMAN

Minister for Education and Science

Portugal:

Mr Eduardo de ARANTES E
OLIVEIRA

State Secretary for Scientific
Research

United Kingdom:

Mr Geoffrey PATTIE

Minister of State for Industry
and Information Technology

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Commission:

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Vice President

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT
(1987-1991)

The Council resumed its discussions on the framework programme of research and technological development on the basis of a compromise proposition from the Belgian Presidency.

After the discussions, the Presidency noted that progress had been made towards an overall solution, although several delegations considered that some aspects of the Presidency's compromise still had to be examined more closely.

The Council therefore agreed to suspend its meeting and resume on 24 March. In the meantime it instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to look at certain aspects of the Presidency's compromise so that a decision could be taken when the meeting resumed.

PRESS RELEASE

5456/87 (Presse 45)

1145th meeting of the Council

- Research -

Brussels, 24 and 25 March 1987
(continuation of meeting of 23 and 24 February 1987)

President:

Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT

Minister for Science Policy
of the Kingdom of Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Guy VERHOFSTADT

Minister for Science Policy

Mr L. BRIL

State Secretary for Science Policy

Denmark:

Mr Bertel HAARDER

Minister for Education

Germany:

Mr Heinz RIESENHUBER

Federal Minister for Research and Technology

Greece:

Mr Anastassios PEPONIS

Minister for Industry, Energy and Technology

Spain:

Mr Juan Manuel ROJO ALAMINO

State Secretary for the Universities and Research

France:

Mr Jacques VALADE

Minister attached to the Minister for Education, with responsibility for Research and Higher Education

Ireland:

Mr Sean McCARTHY

Minister of State,
Department of Industry and Trade

Italy:

Mr Luigi GRANELLI

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RTD FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME 1987-1991

The Council held a further detailed discussion of the Framework Programme of Research and Technological Development for the period 1987 to 1991.

At the close of the discussion the President submitted to delegations a final compromise proposal, which ten delegations were willing to accept provided there was unanimity; two delegations upheld reservations and said that they would announce their Government's final position by 3 April at the latest.

The Presidency's compromise is as follows:

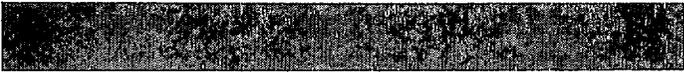
Funding of 5 396 MECU for the new Framework Programme of Research and Technological Development 1987-1991, plus 1 084 MECU earmarked under research programmes already agreed upon or in progress. The total appropriations deemed necessary for research activities in the period 1987-1991 would therefore amount to 6 480 MECU. Under the compromise a certain amount - 863 MECU - would also be committed in the budget after 1991. The total amount - sums already committed or to be committed - during the period 1987-1991 would therefore be 5 617 MECU (1 084 MECU in existing appropriations + 4 533 MECU in new appropriations).

The breakdown between the various activities in the Framework Programme would be as follows:

RTD FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME 1987-1991

COMMITMENTS FOR
PROGRAMMES ALREADY
AGREED UPON

1. <u>Quality of life</u>	375	104
1.1. Health	80	-
1.2. Radiation protection	34	31
1.3. Environment	261	73
2. <u>Towards a large market and an information and communications society</u>	2275	190
2.1. Information technologies	1600	190
2.2. Telecommunications	550	-
2.3. New services of common interest (including transport)	125	-
3. <u>Modernization of industrial sectors</u>	845	144
3.1. Science and technology for manufacturing industry	400	60
3.2. Science and technology of advanced materials	220	20
3.3. Raw materials and recycling	45	27
3.4. Technical standards, measurement methods and reference materials	180	37
4. <u>Exploitation and optimum use of biological resources</u>	280	30
4.1. Biotechnology	120	20
4.2. Agro-industrial technologies	105	-
4.3. Competitiveness of agriculture and management of agricultural resources	55	10
5. <u>Energy</u>	1173	579
5.1. Fission: nuclear safety	440	102
5.2. Controlled thermonuclear fusion	611	389
5.3. Non-nuclear energies and rational use of energy	122	88
6. <u>Science and technology for development</u>	80	80
7. <u>Exploitation of the seabed and use of marine resources</u>	80	-
7.1. Marine science and technology	50	-
7.2. Fisheries	30	-
8. <u>Improvement of European S/T co-operation</u>	288	37
8.1. Stimulation	180	25
8.2. Use of major installations	30	-
8.3. Forecasting and assessment and other back-up measures (including statistics)	23	2
8.4. Dissemination and utilisation of S/T research results	55	10
TOTAL	5396	1084



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- Internal Market -

Brussels, 24 February 1987

President: Mr Paul DE KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European Affairs
and Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Belgium

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

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Denmark:

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Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Georgios DASKALAKIS State Secretary
Ministry of Trade

Spain:

Mr Pedro SOLBES MIRA State Secretary for Relations with
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France:

Mr Bernard BOSSON Minister with responsibility for
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Mr Dennis O'LEARY Deputy Permanent Representative

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Mr Thierry STOLL Deputy Permanent Representative

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RIGHT OF RESIDENCE

The Council resumed its discussions on the right of residence, in particular with regard to sickness-insurance schemes, students, beneficiaries of the right of residence, and the term of validity of the residence permit.

At the end of the discussion, the Council noted that definite progress had been made, particularly on the last three questions, and, agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue to work on this dossier and report back to the Council at its next meeting.

"SPRINT" PROGRAMME

At the end of the exchange of views on the Commission proposal to extend the "SPRINT" programme until 31 December 1988, the President noted that in present circumstances it did not yet seem possible to settle the question of the budget amount to be allocated to this programme aimed at promoting the transnational development of the supporting infrastructure for innovation and stimulating trade in and use of new technologies, in particular for small and medium-sized undertakings.

However, he was able to note a clear rapprochement in positions and therefore instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining this question so that the Council could act at the earliest opportunity, after receiving the Opinion of the European Parliament.

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BORDER CONTROLS

The Council held an exchange of views on a number of suggestions from the Presidency concerning proposals for easing border controls.

It emerged from the Council's discussion that the Presidency's approach offered prospects for resolving outstanding questions. The Permanent Representatives Committee was therefore asked to continue its work and report back to the Council at its meeting in early April, so that the Council would be able to act at that meeting.

MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMAS

The Council took note of an interim report from the Presidency on the proposal for a Directive on a general system for the recognition of higher-education diplomas awarded on completion of vocational courses of at least three years' duration.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to expedite its work so that the subject could be discussed in depth at a forthcoming meeting.

COMMUNITY PATENTS

The Council took note of the Presidency's intentions with a view to the entry into force of the Agreement relating to the Community Patent, the texts of which were initialled by the Luxembourg Conference on the Community Patent in December 1985.
